

## PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING HELD

Many Interesting Speeches Made Commending the Work Now so Actively in Progress

### CAMPFIRE PEOPLE BUSY

Everybody Interested and Enthusiastic and Success of Movement is an Assured Fact

The Public Library meeting at the Court House last night was interesting and enthusiastic. There seemed to be no doubt in anybody's mind that Cape Girardeau could have a library and all that was talked of at the meeting was a plan for getting it.

Mr. A. H. Hinchey, acting as chairman, opened the meeting with a good talk making as his main point, that while we have been so progressive along every other line, we have fallen way behind in the failure to provide a Public Library. He said that as secretary of the Commercial Club he has often been very much embarrassed when, after hearing him recite the long list of things of which we are so proud, our fine schools and churches, our miles of paved streets, and our wonderful business progress, a visitor would say, "and of course you have a library" and the good secretary must needs change the subject. But from this time he said he felt sure he would never have to experience the same embarrassment again. For we will have a Public Library.

When asked by the chairman to express their interest in the library movement and willingness to stand behind it by rising, the meeting rose to a man at once and the next step was to organize. Those present and all others interested in the movement were organized into an association which it was decided to call the Cape Girardeau Public Library Association. It was then moved that a nominating committee be appointed to select the names of 10 men and women who should form a board of control for the carrying on of the library movement, this board to have the power to elect the officers of the association, form its policies, and direct its finances.

Mr. J. W. Crocker, Miss Kent, Mrs. J. S. Koeltzky, Mr. B. C. Hardesty and Mrs. Jared Johnson, were appointed on this committee. During the deliberations of this committee, the treasurer of the temporary committee made a report stating that \$85.50 had been collected and \$42 more had been promised, making a total of \$127.50.

The chairman of the temporary committee reported the work that had been done, the girls having organized to get some sort of a Public Library, their plan was to make a beginning, no matter how small, keeping in mind always a library which should be an honor to the town with reading rooms, club rooms and assembly rooms for the young people, which will make it of some real use in the community. They have been very much encouraged to believe in the speedy accomplishment of this large undertaking by the offer of a very valuable site for a Public Library should \$10,000 be raised for it in the coming year.

There followed a little discussion as to whether it might not be wise to try to get a Carnegie library but there could be no decision reached as all of the policies of the library are to be in the hands of the Board of Control. While many thought that we could have a much finer library should we ask help from Carnegie others held just as firmly that a library which we build ourselves with effort and self sacrifice on the part of every citizen will mean far more to the town than a magnificent building in the getting of which we have had small part.

Mr. Davis gave a history of the Campaign for a Carnegie library, 12 years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Houck offered to play the part of Carnegie in order that we might have our own library given by our own people. This offer was accepted and the necessary tax for its support voted, but the Supreme Court of the state decided that the town was already taxed to the legal limit and could not collect the library tax. This tax was, however, collected one year, Judge Davis said he believed and would not doubt be turned over to the library board by the Council at once. It amounted to about \$1,300 he thought.

The report of the nominating committee was heard at this point and unanimously accepted. The board as elected is: Mr. Louis Houck, Fred Naeter, H. A. Nussbaum, W. H. Hutters, Emil Drusch, Mrs. Geo. A. Bell, W. H. Harrison, Misses Anna Osterloh, Martha Shea, and Elizabeth Davis.

The chairman then called for the report of the book committee, 185 books were reported on hand, classified as follows:

## FAKE FIRE ALARM STARTS A PANIC

Boy Scouts Couldn't Agree on Proper Method to Reach Mexico and Started Fight

### DOYLE CALMS AUDIENCE

Boys Escape Through Back Door When They Realize Extent of Trouble They Created

At the performance given at the Broadway Thursday night, commotion became so great that for a time it looked as though there might be a repetition of the Iriquois disaster. Some boy scouts in the rear seats got into a discussion over the Mexican situation, and in the heat of the argument, angry passions were permitted to arise and conditions became so suddenly turbulent that a rough house was started before anybody knew what it was about. Some dissatisfied patron of the show orally expressed a desire that the belligerents be put out, which expression was misinterpreted by a lady who was hard of hearing, and became suddenly impressed with the erroneous idea that a fire had started and that some one had said that it should be put out. She acted instantly and endeavored to warn the other members of the audience, and for a few moments it looked as though a serious panic would result. People crowded to the front, and in the congestion one little girl was thrown to the floor and stood upon by a fleshy lady. Nanager Doyle, placed himself in front of the door and in his convincing manner was soon able to restore a state of quiet. He assured his excited patrons that there was no fire at all, and no danger, and that all it amounted to was a little scrap between two youngsters. The boys evidently were brought to realize the proportions into which the trouble had developed, and feeling that things would get warm for them, they left the premises through the fire escape exit, and have never been heard from.

Children's Stories.....36  
Fiction.....68  
History.....5  
Education.....4  
School Texts.....19  
Classics.....26  
Latin, French, German.....9  
English Literature.....11  
Miscellaneous.....7

Besides there were a good many old magazines and two current magazines, The Literary Digest and the Boys Magazine.

The chairman called on Mr. Hardesty for a speech which was very interesting. He said that in all the 12 years he has lived in Cape Girardeau, there has been continually more or less talk about a Public Library but it has never come as near to amounting to something as now. And if the Camp Fire Girls keep their reading room open for 1 month only they will be doing more in that one month than has been done in the whole 12 years before. He said that he felt sure, however, that it will last more than one month and will before long grow into a library of which the town will be proud.

Mrs. Martin gave a splendid talk in which she showed how we can see the way the public taste has been educated along line of amusements until a Public Library has become necessary. She praised the Camp Fire Guardians for their faith and energy in starting this campaign and urged the older people to stand back of them. She thought the plan of starting with a small reading room, a good one for something tangible brings results much more rapidly than any amount of agitation on paper. Mr. Crocker spoke from the view point of the school, repeating the need of some place which would help keep the boys and girls off the streets. He said that if the Library Board so desired he was sure the School Board would give the use of the school library during the summer as it was their plan to keep the library and play grounds open during vacation.

Dr. Grissom said that he felt that the movement which the Camp Fire Guardians are starting now is the fruit of the agitation begun by their mothers, 12 years ago, when the Camp Fire Guardians were probably—and then Dr. Grissom got into deep water for he started to estimate how old the Camp Fire Guardians were 12 years ago.

The meeting closed with a speech from the chairman of the temporary Committee urging them not to think things were to be dropped until the new board could organize but that the temporary treasurer would continue to receive subscriptions and Mr. Hutters would continue to receive books.

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## AMERICAN CITIZENS HELD AS HOSTAGES

Impossible to Enter or Leave Any of the Interior Mexican Cities.

### FOUR YANKEES ARE SLAIN

Americans Begged for Passage on O'Shaughnessy's Train, but Request is Refused.

(WNU News Service.) City of Mexico, April 27.—Most of the interior cities of Mexico are holding American prisoners as hostages. With the exception of Charge Nelson O'Shaughnessy, every member of the diplomatic party who are safe at Vera Cruz privately expressed the opinion that only the early arrival of troops and the overthrow of the dictator Huerta would save the marooned Americans.

At almost every town between Vera Cruz and Mexico City Americans are being held prisoners. The passage of O'Shaughnessy's train from the capital was most dramatic. Americans besieged the train, pleading that they be permitted to accompany the fleeing party. Col. Ramon Sarrana, assigned by Huerta to escort O'Shaughnessy, flatly refused. Huerta sent 200 soldiers to the embassy to seize the 275 rifles and two machine guns which were stored there for the defense of the American citizens. The American volunteer guards were prepared to defend their arms, but on the advice of O'Shaughnessy they surrendered the weapons without resistance.

Americans Beg to Be Taken Away. Then began the trip for Vera Cruz, during which the hearts of everyone in the diplomatic party were to be touched by the appeals of countrymen for aid. At the towns of Orizaba, Cordova and Jalapa, Americans were crowded about the stations. They pleaded with the American charge to be taken aboard his train. O'Shaughnessy was helpless. These stranded Americans had been taken from trains bound for Vera Cruz.

At Cordova an American wearing a British flag stole to the side of the train and handed a note to one of the consulate employees. This note read: "Blissner, Erford, Whitcomb and a good many other Americans are being held in jail here. They were taken off a train and are being held as hostages in case Americans attack the town. They want to know if you can't help."

Americans Barred From Capital. When O'Shaughnessy left the capital Huerta ordered that no more Americans should be permitted to depart or enter the city. This order prevents unprotected Americans in the small towns seeking what little refuge there may be in the capital. It also makes it possible for every small town to hold the American civilians as hostages.

Huerta ordered that the homes of all Americans be searched for arms and American residents of all hotels were stripped of arms. The protectorate established by Sir Lionel Carden, the British ambassador, was unavailable in this matter, as the vindictive dictator was determined Americans should have no means of defense in case of an uprising against them, which he will accept as a demonstration of sympathy and support for him.

The newspapers have issued the wildest extras. One advises "chopping up of the dogs."

### OPINION NOT FIT TO PRINT

Former Secretary of War Newberry Says His Idea of Mexican Situation Can't Be Translated.

(WNU News Service.) New York, April 27.—Truman H. Newberry, secretary of war under President Roosevelt, who arrived from Europe on the Mauretania, when asked for an opinion on the Mexican situation, said:

"My opinion wouldn't be fit to print." Asked to explain this, Mr. Newberry added: "It can't be translated. But remember I have no criticism to make of the administration. President Wilson had facts and information in his possession that have never reached the press. Time alone will tell whether the Mexican policy has been right or wrong."

A reporter asked Newberry if he thought Col. Roosevelt would have acted with armed force sooner. He answered: "I don't know. But the navy couldn't have shown a more splendid condition of preparedness or evidence of a finer personnel under any conditions. Could it?"

Will Move Fort Bliss Prisoners. Fort Sam Houston, Tex., April 27.—Complaints having reached Brigadier-General Trasker H. Bliss that the 5,000 Mexican soldiers who are held as prisoners in El Paso are a menace to the people of that city, he has recommended to the war department that they be transferred far inland. They will probably be sent to some point in Kansas or Oklahoma.

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## PAVED HIGHWAYS REUNION TRAVELS

Jacksonville Has Many High Class Roads to Points of Interest

Trips to Be Taken Over Them in Automobiles During the Reunion of Confederates May 6, 7, 8.

Jacksonville, Fla., April.—It is safe to say that hundreds, and possibly thousands, of visitors to Jacksonville during the week of the great Reunion of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Veterans, will make the trip from their homes in automobiles. Numerous inquiries have been received from all parts of the country concerning road conditions, and especially in regard to the practicability of reaching other points in Florida by automobile trips from Jacksonville.

For the information of auto owners, desirous of bringing their cars to Jacksonville at the time of the Reunion, attention is called to the fact that the city license books show that there are over 2,000 licensed automobiles in the city of Jacksonville alone, and during the past winter season more than 2,500 motor-driven vehicles have passed through Jacksonville en route to various places on the Florida peninsula. Unless there were fairly good roads, leading from Jacksonville to other sections of the State, there would not have been one-tenth as many cars in Florida this season, and the home people of Jacksonville would not have invested so heavily in motor vehicles.

Duval county, of which Jacksonville is the county seat, was among the first of the Florida counties to issue road improvement bonds and to begin the paving of its highways with vitrified paving brick and concrete. With a population of only 75,000 in 1909, this county issued road improvement bonds that year to the amount of \$1,000,000, and it was provided that not more than \$250,000 was to be expended in road construction each year for four years. The bonds were sold at a handsome premium and the money has all been expended on the roads of the county, with a result that this county now has some of the very best in the South, and these roads are a joy to the joyrider and to all persons who use them.

But this is not all; for the Board of County Commissioners is at the present time working up interest in a proposition to issue from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 additional road improvement bonds and construct a system of paved roads and highways throughout the county of Duval that will be a model for all sections of the country.

Jacksonville is only seventeen miles in a direct line from the Atlantic Ocean, where there is one of the finest beaches in the world, affording a speedway four hundred feet in width and twenty miles in length. Here is the ideal automobile course and it is visited by thousands of cars every year.

From the city to the seashore the county has constructed a magnificent boulevard, paved with vitrified brick and with concrete for the entire distance. Hundreds of cars traverse this Atlantic Boulevard, as it is known, daily, and during the Reunion many thousands of visitors will make the trip by auto to the beach. Once on the seashore they will find much to interest them. Surf bathing will be at its best during the Reunion week and many visitors from interior points, who have never before had the opportunity to plunge into the big breakers of Old Ocean, will find the experience a novel and delightful one.

From Jacksonville to St. Augustine the distance by auto is 38 miles and the trip is easily made in two hours. In fact, the record for the trip is one hour and nine minutes, but that is almost too fast for a trip to the oldest city in the United States.

The road from South Jacksonville, on the opposite side of the majestic St. Johns river from the Reunion city, is paved with shell for nine miles and the going is good. Then comes six miles of brick paving over which the cars fairly skim along. The next four miles, to the Duval county line, have not yet been paved, but a temporary surface of shavings has been provided. From the county line to St. Augustine, a distance of 18 miles, the road is not yet paved but shell has been placed in the wheel ruts and good time can be made by the average car.

Still another attractive trip, on the south side of the St. Johns river, is that to Mandarin, a pretty little village on the banks of the river, about fifteen miles from the city. This road is well paved with shell for the entire distance and passes through some very pretty orange groves, which in themselves are an attraction to all. At Mandarin there are a number of attractive homes, surrounded by pretty gardens, groves and farms. This village is the site of the former home of the late Mrs. Harriett Beecher Stowe, the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The city of Jacksonville has sixty miles of paved streets and contracts are now outstanding for several additional miles, work on which will start immediately after the reunion, as it is the desire of the city authorities not to have the streets torn up while the visitors are here.

Sight-seeing automobiles are numerous in Jacksonville every winter and this year several of the large cars will remain over until after the reunion.

## MOB SPIRIT GROWS, GRAVE FEARS FELT

Vera Cruz Newspaper Says Four Americans Slain in Capital.

### INFORMATION IS DOUBTFUL

Military Authorities, However, Unite in Declaring all Americans in Grave Danger.

(WNU News Service.) Vera Cruz, April 27.—El Dictamen, a Vera Cruz newspaper, says four Americans have been killed by mobs in Mexico City. It declares it has received this information from the federal capital.

Three of the Americans were taken out of street cars and killed on the streets, while the fourth was killed in the Young Men's Christian Association building by members of the baseball team, to which he belonged, according to El Dictamen, which made its reappearance.

The information as to the massacre of Americans is not confirmed from any other source and is considered doubtful in many quarters.

Vera Cruz is isolated from direct communication with the interior, but the sparse news brought here by refugees indicates that the state of affairs is bad and rapidly growing worse so far as Americans are concerned.

The refugees arriving here bring word of intense anti-American feeling in all directions.

The American military authorities in Vera Cruz consider the situation of Americans in the capital and all over the republic grave.

Five branches of the city government have been organized by the American occupants. Efforts to persuade Mexicans to return to at least two of the departments failing, American officers were put in charge of them.

Lieutenant-Commander McNeil of the Louisiana was appointed chief of police and will continue the patrol of marines and bluejackets. Brigade Paymaster Christian J. Peoples of the Utah was appointed collector of customs, and, since the Mexicans hold that the port has been closed, the customs receipts may be placed to the credit of the United States.

Unless forced by some aggressive military movement on the part of the Mexicans, no advance of any description will be made by the American forces in Vera Cruz for the present. The possibility of such a development is so remote as to be almost negligible.

## MEN AND OFFICIALS TALK

MINERS AND MILITIAMEN HOLD CONFERENCE.

"Hired Gunmen Must Disarm" Is Ultimatum of Colorado Union Leaders.

(WNU News Service.) Trinidad, Colo., April 27.—With the state troops and striking coal miners of Colorado resting on their arms in the Ludlow district interest centered in the outcome of an informal conference between strike leaders and Gen. John Chase. The union miners will be represented by John Lawson, international board member; John McLennan, president of district No. 15, United Mine Workers of America, and Robert G. Bolton, international organizer.

"There can be no truce with lawlessness," said Gen. Chase.

"The hired gunmen must disarm," was the ultimatum of Organizer Robert Bolton.

Leaders are engaged in an effort to enforce the temporary truce agreed upon, but notwithstanding occasional shots are exchanged between the military outposts and strikers.

The center of expected trouble in the Walsenburg district shifted from the Victor-American and Colorado Fuel and Iron company's properties on the south to the nonunion mines. The report reached here that the Sunnyside mine, 12 miles northwest, had been visited by union forces and that the Jackson and Turner mines were surrounded.

Every train is loaded with people leaving the district.

The visit to the Sunnyside mine was, according to its superintendent, for the purpose of securing high-power rifles, supposed to be there for the use against the strikers.

### Federal Troops Have Been Denied.

Denver, Colo., April 27.—Gov. Ammons, en route to Denver, called upon the federal government for troops to aid in composing the strike situation in Colorado, and received answer that the war department could spare no soldiers for this purpose. This answer was conveyed in a telegram signed by Congressman Edward Taylor.

### Denies Receipt of Request.

Washington, April 27.—Secretary Garrison denied that any application had been made to the war department for federal troops to aid in handling the Colorado strike situation.

## BIG CARNIVAL TRAIN HAS ARRIVED

Week of Anticipated Fun Starts Tonight at the Show Grounds.

### CLEM BELMONT IS STAR

Many Special Features Insure the Public Royal Entertainment for the Whole Week.

With the arrival in the city Sunday of the Great Clifton-Kelly Show train the first real sign of spring and summer with their outdoor pleasures and amusements, dear to the hearts of people who dislike to be kept in doors by inclement weather arrived.

All day long attaches of the show have been busy as bees transforming the grounds where the company is to show this week under the auspices of the Elks into a tented city. By seven o'clock tonight the time set for the formal opening, the shows advertising matter which reads "A Tented City of Sights and Lights" will be a reality.

Among the attractions are to be found some of the latest and most novel attractions known to the carnival world, some of which have never been seen here. The new features with the Clifton-Kelly Company this year are the Flea Circus, the Motordrome, Eiler's trained goat and monkey show and the finest Jumping horse Merry-Go-Round ever carried by any carnival company. An idea of the magnitude of the merry-go-round may be had from the fact that it takes ten wagons to transport it.

Of course the big motordrome is the big sensational feature. The following regarding the motordrome is clipped from the Helena, Ark., Daily World.

The big motordrome was the most talked of and strongest drawing attraction at the fair. The motorcycle riders who ride the perpendicular wall at death-defying speed presented the most sensational performance ever witnessed here. Amid the roaring of the motors, these speed fiends rush around the inclined track at a speed that looks like suicide and which keeps the audience in a state of excitement that at times border on the hysterical. The motordrome racing game is a man-killer, and while no accidents have occurred to the riders who rode here, it seems a miracle, as the riders with the Clifton-Kelly shows are certainly dare-devils. Clem Belmont, the star rider of the aggregation, when questioned as to how long he expected to keep it up, replied, "I have always been a speed fiend, and when bicycles first came out, nothing but the fastest would do for me. When automobiles became popular I took up racing at once and the speed attained, I believe was the first real pleasure I ever experienced. When the motordrome arrived, shortly after motorcycles became popular, I was one of the first to take up riding, and for real thrills everything else I have ever done fades into insignificance."

"You might think that the excitement of riding an aeroplane would beat riding a motordrome," Belmont replied, "but I've ridden them both, and I want to tell you the aeroplane isn't in it. Things run too smooth on an aeroplane—when they run at all—for there to be much excitement, except when starting and landing. Riding in a motordrome the excitement is always with you, as you not only have to look out for yourself every minute of the time, but it's absolutely necessary for your own and the safety of the other riders, to know exactly what you are going to do next and be able to guess what the other riders are going to do next every minute of the time the races are on. One little mistake made by one rider may result in injury to all riders."

The fair management is to be congratulated on securing this big, up-to-date attraction for the fair. The Clifton-Kelly shows are the largest and best shows of the kind ever seen here. Their three big riding devices, their motordrome and all their shows and concessions are doing a big business here and deserve all they are doing, as they certainly give value in full for all money spent on their shows, riding devices and concessions.

The shows leave here on their special train Sunday for Little Rock, where they furnish the attractions for the Pulaski county fair next week.

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